



2011 Schedule of Classes



Welcome to the Canyon's Premier Outdoor Education Program!

The Grand Canyon Field Institute (GCFI) is a leading provider of exciting learning adventures in Grand Canyon National Park. Whether you are a newcomer to our program, or one of over ten thousand alumni, we invite you to join us for a world-class experience! This publication is designed to provide an overview of GCFI, including our class schedule for 2011. Visit our Web site at www.grandcanyon.org/fieldinstitute for more detailed information on individual classes and instructors, as well as photographs, interactive maps and much more.

Who We Are, What We Do

GCFI is an outdoor education program that offers exciting learning opportunities throughout the year at Grand Canyon National Park. Since our inception in 1993, GCFI has worked in partnership with the National Park Service to help share the rich natural and cultural history of this iconic park. We accomplish this important mission by placing small groups of Grand Canyon enthusiasts in the company of our expert instructors. Whether it's a rim walk, backpack or whitewater-rafting trip, participants hear an expert's take on this world-class resource, while enjoying what has often been described as the "trip of a lifetime." GCFI hosts over two thousand participants each year. Classes can be grouped in three broad categories including Single-Day Rim-Based Classes, Multi-Day Rim-Based Classes and Backcountry Classes.

Single-Day Rim-Based Classes

GCFI offers a popular single-day class called Meet the Canyon. This private guided tour is ideal for families and small groups. Beginning in the Historic Village District on the South Rim, an expert instructor will lead your party on a series of short hikes along and below the rim. The topics are as wide-ranging as the magnificent scenery, but will always include geology, ecology, archaeology, as well as pioneer and Native American history. Our Meet the Canyon class can be found in the "Family Classes" section of our Web site.

Multi-Day Rim-Based Classes

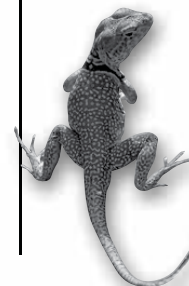
Our multi-day, rim-based classes take place on the both the North and South rims, and allow participants to spend nights on their own in either a hotel (out of pocket for most classes) or in complimentary campsites. Classes that are offered in this format include those that focus on photography, wildlife, archaeology, botany and yoga. One of the more popular offerings in this category is our Lodging & Learning package, which includes two-nights lodging, meals, in-park transportation and two full days in the field with a GCFI expert. See "Family Classes" for more information on Lodging & Learning. Other multi-day, rim-based classes can be found by genre throughout our Web site.

Backcountry Classes

For those able to carry a heavy backpack over Grand Canyon's challenging terrain, our backcountry classes offer a chance to explore the canyon from the inside out. From introductory to expedition-level backpacking, GCFI takes qualified participants to many of the canyon's most intriguing destinations. A once-a-year, interdisciplinary whitewater rafting trip is also available. Our backcountry classes are listed by genre throughout our Web site.

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Grand Canyon Field Institute



National Park Service Partnership

"The Grand Canyon Field Institute and its parent, the Grand Canyon Association, have been valued partners in meeting the educational and recreational goals of Grand Canyon National Park. GCFI has the full endorsement of the National Park Service."

Steve Martin, Superintendent
Grand Canyon National Park

Grand Canyon Association

Get involved and be a part of something grand!

The Grand Canyon Association is a nonprofit membership organization created to inspire and educate people to protect Grand Canyon National Park for the enjoyment of visitors and Grand Canyon enthusiasts around the world. To get involved, visit www.grandcanyon.org or call (800) 858-2808.



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CANYON
ASSOCIATION
INSPIRE. EDUCATE. PROTECT.

The mission of the Grand Canyon Association is to help preserve and protect Grand Canyon National Park by cultivating support through education and understanding of the park.

What Your Class Fee Includes

Your class fee includes expert instruction by leading Grand Canyon scientists, authors, researchers, historians and naturalists (see Web site for biographies); backpacking and camping permits; free camping immediately before/after class (where applicable); and an educational park entrance fee waiver. Select classes include meals, lodging, gear and mule pack service where indicated.

Grand Canyon Trail Fund

A journey below the rim of the Grand Canyon is often a life-changing experience. The trails that provide access to this world-class backcountry are in need of constant monitoring and repair by the National Park Service trail crew. Your generous donation will help ensure that future generations will be able to carry on the centuries-old tradition of enjoying the marvels of Grand Canyon on foot. To make a donation, visit the GCFI Web site and follow the homepage link to the "Grand Canyon Trail Fund."

Am I Ready for the Grand Canyon?

We design all of our classes to highlight the beauty, drama, and interpretive themes of Grand Canyon. Whether you are joining us for a single-day rim class or a weeklong backpack in the canyon, it is imperative that you honestly assess your ability to accomplish the physical tasks required. Our Web site provides a difficulty scale, topographic maps, and photographs of the terrain for each class to help with your decision-making process. All participants are required to complete a Health Questionnaire before being approved for any class that involves whitewater rafting or overnight backpacking.

How to Contact the Grand Canyon Field Institute

Telephone: (928) 638-2485 or toll-free (866) 471-4435

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January

3-6 Winter Photography

February

23-25 Wilderness First Responder Recertification

March

10-13 Phantom Ranch Natural & Cultural History

14-17 Take a Load Off: Mule-Assisted Backpack

18-20 Family Camping Adventure

21-24 Introductory Backpack

April

4-7 Introductory Backpack (women-only)

5-11 New Hance to Grandview Springs Backpack

18-21 Take a Load Off: Mule-Assisted Backpack

May

1-8 Tanner to Grandview Geology Backpack

2-6 Havasu Canyon Natural History Backpack

9-12 Take a Load Off: Mule-Assisted Backpack

15-20 Hermit to Bright Angel Natural History Backpack

16-19 Introductory Backpack

19-24 Rim-to-Rim Natural History Backpack

22-27 Rim-to-Rim Geology Backpack

26-31 Rim-to-Rim Natural History Backpack

29-June 4 Crystal/Dragon Backpack

June

1-6 Rim-to-Rim Natural History Backpack

6-7 Astronomy Meets Geology

6-10 Hands-On Archaeology

7-10 Introductory Backpack

8-9 Archaeoastronomy

13-22 Wilderness First Responder Training

20-24 North Rim Botanical Survey

24-26 Wilderness First Responder Recertification

27-July 1 ABCs of Off Trail Hiking

July

9-12 North Rim Trail Sampler

13-16 South Rim Trail Sampler

25-28 North Rim Monsoon Photography

30-31 Yoga with a View

August

26-29 Introductory Backpack

September

4-10 Hermit to Bright Angel Backpack

11-16 Rim-to-Rim Natural History Backpack

18-21 Take a Load Off: Mule-Assisted Backpack
(women only)

18-25 Rim-to-Rim Photography

25-30 Rim-to-Rim Natural History Backpack

26-30 Havasu Canyon Natural History Backpack

October

1-2 Yoga with a View

2-7 Rim-to-Rim Geology Backpack

2-8 Clear Creek Geology Backpack

8-13 Rim-to-Rim Natural History Backpack

8-14 Tanner to Little Colorado River Geology Backpack

16-22 Nankoweap Canyon Backpack

16-22 Hands-On Archaeology Backpack

17-20 Introductory Backpack

24-28 Toroweap Geology Exploration

25-28 Take a Load Off: Mule-Assisted Backpack

November

1-4 Introductory Backpack

20-23 Take a Load Off: Mule-Assisted Backpack

See Web site for details on our single-day "Meet the Canyon" and multi-day "Lodging & Learning" programs for families and groups!



GCFI Instructors

GCFI is proud of its outstanding team of instructors. Up-to-date class assignments and instructor biographies are available on our Web site.

Bruce Aiken

Stewart Aitchison

Mike Anderson, PhD

Bryan Bates

Gary Bolton, PhD

Mike Buchheit

Bob Craft

Mark Crane

Elaine Furimsky

Brian Gootee

Dan Hall

Wendy Hodgson

Rich Holtzin, PhD

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Gary Ladd

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Sally Underwood

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Dave Wegner

Greg Woodall

Marjorie Woodruff, PhD

GCA Trip-Planning Publications

For a complete list of our titles, please visit www.grandcanyon.org.

Your purchase supports Grand Canyon National Park.

Trip Planning

Trip-Planning Package. Save on this unique set of books, guides and maps chosen to answer your trip-planning questions. Set includes: *Along the Rim, Road Guide to Arizona and the Four Corners Area, Best Easy Day Hikes—Grand Canyon, South Kaibab Trail Guide, Bright Angel Trail Guide and Pocket Traveller Field Guide to Grand Canyon* (shows animals, plants and fossils). Complete set (\$33.70 value) just \$26.00.

Maps

Trails Illustrated Map™ clearly shows inner-canyon trails and backcountry use areas, waterproof and tear-resistant. Scale 1:63,360 \$11.95

Map & Guide of Grand Canyon, Bronze Black. Full of geology graphics and information, park history, facts and timeline, photos and smaller detail maps. Waterproof and tear-proof. \$9.95

Hiking/Backpacking

Hiking the Canyon Kit. Includes: *The Official Guide to Hiking Grand Canyon, Grand Canyon National Park Sky Terrain Trail Maps™* and *Hiking Grand Canyon* DVD. (\$26.90 value) \$19.95

Individual Trail Guides. These seven pocket-size trail guides contain information about the cultural and natural history of the area, as well as trail maps and photographs. Havasu, South Kaibab, North Kaibab, and Hermit. 32 pages PB \$2.95 each; and the Bright Angel, Grandview, South & North Bass. 32–40 pages PB \$3.95 each

Official Guide to Hiking Grand Canyon, Thybony. Descriptions, trail profiles, and planning maps for the major trails and routes in Grand Canyon National Park. 68 pages PB \$11.95

River Guides

Grand Canyon River Guide, Belknap. A map and guide to 279 miles of the Colorado River through Grand Canyon National Park. Waterproof. 96 pages \$22.95

Guide to the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon: Lee's Ferry to South Cove, Martin. A complete guide to floating through Grand Canyon. 108 pages PB \$26.95

General Interest

Grand Canyon: The Vault of Heaven

Oversize, spectacular book of informative text and gorgeous photographs feature the canyon at a price that can't be beat. 68 pages PB \$8.95

I Am the Grand Canyon: The Story of the Havasupai People, Hirst. Portrays the culture and history of the Havasupai tribe and what life is like living in a narrow place. 276 pages PB \$18.95

Geology

An Introduction to Grand Canyon Geology, Price. The perfect introduction to one of the most significant geologic features on our planet. 64 pages PB \$9.95

Carving Grand Canyon: Evidence, Theories, and Mystery, Ranney. The story of this fascinating landscape's evolution, told in an engaging style that everyone will find interesting. 160 pages PB \$14.95

HC = hardcover; PB = paperback

How to Order

Online orders are preferred. To order online visit www.grandcanyon.org. To order by telephone, call (800) 858-2808 ext. 7030 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. MST, Monday through Friday, with your credit card ready.

Be a Part of Something Grand

Nearly 5 million people visit Grand Canyon each year. How does Grand Canyon National Park serve millions and protect this incredible landscape?

With help from people like you!

When you join the Grand Canyon Association, you help:

- provide park information and educational programs
- fund visitor improvements, such as the new Mather Point Amphitheater
- restore historic buildings in the park, such as Kolb Studio
- support sustainable practices and green technologies
- improve trails and trail safety and fund search-and-rescue efforts

Member Benefits

- 15% discount at all GCA stores and online
- 10% discount at Xanterra South Rim gift shops
- Discounts on most Grand Canyon Field Institute classes/programs
- Subscription to *Canyon Views*, GCA's quarterly newsletter
- Special members-only gifts and invitations to members-only events
- E-newsletter keeping you current on all things Grand Canyon
- Discounts in stores in national parks nationwide

Grand Guardians—\$1,000

Recognizing leaders whose outstanding commitments help preserve Grand Canyon for this and future generations.

Grand Canyon Guardians are entitled to special invitations and benefits.

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Canyon Crossing: Experiencing Grand Canyon from Rim to Rim

by Seth Muller

Published by the Grand Canyon Association

Paperback, 6" x 9", 272 pages, 3 maps, signature of color photographs, \$16.95

Join author Seth Muller on a grand adventure, searching for the Grand Canyon's soul along miles of canyon trails. Whether you're an experienced rim-to-rim or an armchair hiker interested in one of the nation's great wilderness areas, you are likely to find *Canyon Crossing* fascinating. Available February 2011. Reserve your copy today!



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